

## REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the claims for not stating that the specialized cooting is “nonadhesive”. This feature is no longer found in the claims.

Claims 8, 18 and 20 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 18, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims insofar as possible. In addition, claims 7 and 9 through 12 now depend from allowable claim 8. Claims 21-24 now depend from allowable claim 18, and newly presented claims 25-28 now depend from allowable claim 20.

Claims 1-2, 9-13, and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (US Pat. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (US Pat. App. No 2003/0045646). As set forth above, claims 1, 2 and 13 have been cancelled, and claims 9-12 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 8, while claims 21-24 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 18.

Claims 3, 5, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) and in further view of Rosvold (U.S. Pat. No. 3,705,072). Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled and claim 7 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 8.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646), and further in view of Berna et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,347,927). Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646), and Rosvold (U.S. Pat. No. 3,705,072), and in further view of Brookfield (U.S. Pat. No. 5,941,172). Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) as applied above, and in further view of Buono et al. (US 2003/0116044). Claim 14 has been cancelled.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) as applied above, and in further view of Risquez et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/129896). As noted above, claim 14 has been cancelled.

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) and Risquez et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/129896) as applied above, in further view of Rosvold (U.S. Pat. No. 3,705,072). Claim 15 has been cancelled.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) and Risquez et al. (U.S. Pat App. No. 2003/129896) as applied above, in further view of Berna et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,347,927). Claim 16 has been cancelled.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) and Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0116044) as applied above, and in further view of Rosvold (U.S. Pat. No. 3,705,072). Claim 17 has been cancelled.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castelli et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,749,298) in view of Buono et al. (U.S. Pat. App. No. 2003/0045646) and Jenkins et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,793,041) as applied above, and in further view of Rosvold (U.S. Pat. No. 3,705,072). Claim 19 has been cancelled.

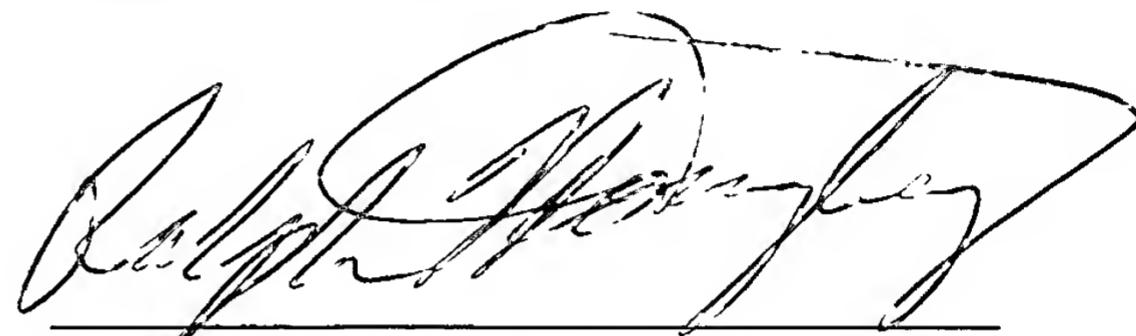
Claims 8, 18 and 20 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 18, and 20 have been so amended.

Since the amendments to the claims do not add more claims than previously paid for, no additional fee is required.

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In view of the foregoing Amendment and these Remarks, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested on behalf of Applicants.

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